

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TABOLINA et al.

Art Unit: 1645

Application No.: **10/073,293**

Examiner: Gangle, Brian J.

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Attorney Ref. No.: US-1450

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO
ACID USING BACTERIA BELONGING
TO THE GENUS ESCHERICHIA

Confirmation No.: 3493

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to March 17, 2007.

The period for response has previously been extended to February 17, 2007.

Please charge the credit card identified in EFS-Web processing or our deposit account **50-2821** the requisite fees for this petition. Also, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessary to maintain pendency of this application to the same deposit account.

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